



MINUTES OF 7th SENATE MEETING OF INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAICHUR

The 7th Senate meeting of the IIIT Raichur was held on 23/12/2024 through online mode and the following members were present:

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| Prof. Harish Kumar Sardana, Director, IIIT Raichur | Chairperson |
| Prof. Bharat Bhooshan Panigrahi, IIT Hyderabad | Member |
| Prof. Sathya Peri, IIT Hyderabad | Member |
| Dr. Subrahmanyam Kalyanasundaram, IIT Hyderabad | Member |
| Dr. Ramesh Jallu, IIIT Raichur | Member |
| Dr. Alka Chadda, IIIT Raichur | Member |
| Dr. Nabin Kumar Meher, IIIT Raichur | Member |
| Dr. Priodyuti Pradan, IIIT Raichur | Member |
| Dr. Jahnvi Tiwari, IIIT Raichur | Member |
| Dr. Natesha B V, IIIT Raichur | Member |
| Dr. Priyanka Singh, IIIT Raichur | Member |
| Dr. Dubacharla Gyaneshwar, IIIT Raichur | Member |
| Academic Secretary, CoSA, IIIT Raichur | Student Representative |
| General Secretary 1, CoSA, IIIT Raichur | Student Representative |

The following members were excused to be absent:

1. Prof. Saptarshi Majumdar, IIT Hyderabad
2. Prof. Prem Pal, Professor, IIT Hyderabad
3. Prof. K. V. L. Subramaniam, IIT Hyderabad
4. Prof. Bheemarjuna Reddy Tamma, Professor, IIT Hyderabad
5. Dr. Viswanath Pulabaigari, IIIT Sri City
6. Dr. Debmalaya Sain, IIIT Raichur
7. Dr. Neh Agrawal, IIIT Raichur



The Senate Chairperson, Prof. Harish Kumar Sardana, greeted and welcomed all members present online to the 7th Senate meeting.

The Chairperson then asked the FIC-Academics to present the agenda points to be discussed. The following agenda points were discussed:

Confirmation and Action Taken Report on the 6th Senate Meeting held on 01/07/2024

| S.No. | Agenda item discussed | Decisions |
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| 1 | Confirmation of the minutes: The minutes of the 6th Senate meeting held on 01/07/2024 were shared with all Senate members for their information and comments. | The minutes of the 6th Senate meeting were confirmed. |
| 2 | Action taken report on the Minutes: The FIC-Academics provided a detailed item-wise action taken report based on the minutes of the 6th Senate meeting. | The Senate noted the action taken report. |

A. Approvals

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| 1. | Approval of the academic calendars for the Jan-May 2025 Session for the 2024 batch and other batches. | The Senate approved the calendars |
| 2. | Convocation for the 2020 batch of graduated students. | <p>The FIC Academics presented the details of the students eligible for graduation in the next Convocation.</p> <p>FIC Academics informed the Senate about a student (roll number CS20B1008) who has stopped attending college. No communication was received regarding his intent to continue or withdraw. The Senate suggested contacting the student, and in the absence of a response, the student may be deemed withdrawn after completing the six-year BTech tenure, as per the ordinance.</p> |



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| 3. | PhD Coursework | <p>Upon reviewing the proposed detailed course plan, the Senate provided the following suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The term "Part-time" may be replaced with "External."2. The option of registering for SWAYAM may be considered in the future.3. The proposed course work plan is appropriate for students with a background in CSE and related fields; however, it was advised that the plan be updated to accommodate students from diverse backgrounds.4. The required credits (12 for Regular/External PhD students and 24 for Direct PhD students) should be considered the minimum. The Doctoral Committee (DC) should evaluate whether the credits earned by a student are sufficient for conducting research or if additional credits are required.5. The DC can still recommend more credits if necessary.6. It was advised that the credit requirements could be revised to 15 for Regular/External PhD students and 30 for Direct PhD students with the following courses should be included as mandatory:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Research Methodology (for all types of PhD students)○ Professional Communication, Writing, and Ethics (only for Direct PhD students).7. The final decision on these revisions was entrusted to IIIT Raichur, to be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the core or non-core background of the students. |
| 4. | Percentage to grade conversion for the courses done on SWAYAM | <p>As SWAYAM provides percentages rather than grades upon successful completion of a course, the following percentage-to-grade scheme was agreed.</p> |



| | | <p>Additionally, the decision regarding whether to award an A+ grade to students who perform exceptionally well was discussed.</p> <table><tr><th>SCORE</th><th>GRADE</th></tr><tr><td>>=95</td><td>A+</td></tr><tr><td>91-94</td><td>A</td></tr><tr><td>85-90</td><td>A-</td></tr><tr><td>75-84</td><td>B</td></tr><tr><td>65-74</td><td>B-</td></tr><tr><td>55-64</td><td>C</td></tr><tr><td>45-54</td><td>C-</td></tr><tr><td>40-44</td><td>D</td></tr><tr><td><40</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | SCORE | GRADE | >=95 | A+ | 91-94 | A | 85-90 | A- | 75-84 | B | 65-74 | B- | 55-64 | C | 45-54 | C- | 40-44 | D | <40 | F |
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B. Proposals

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| 1. | Senate Reconstitution | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Senate Chairman explained the need for Senate reconstitution and shared suggestions from the board members discussed in the last BoG meeting. It was recollected that the Senate should include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Three Senate-nominated members. Three Board-nominated members. Other members as per clause 18(1) of the IIIT (PPP) Act 2017. Prof. Natesan Srinivasan (IIT Guwahati) was nominated as a Board nominee. The Chairman requested suggestions |



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| | | <p>for the remaining two members of the Board nominees.</p> <p>5. Dr. Jitendra M. Bhardwaj from Tata Advanced Systems Limited was already nominated as a Senate nominee during the 6th Senate meeting.</p> <p>6. The Chairman requested suggestions for the remaining two members in Senate nominees.</p> <p>7. The Senate stated that they would provide the nominations within a couple of weeks.</p> |
| 2. | Proposal for new electives by the IIIT Raichur faculty | The electives being offered by IIIT Raichur faculty in the Jan-May session were notified to the Senate. |

C. Ratifications

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| 1. | Electives offered during August - November 2024 Session. | <p>The following list of new electives was offered by IIIT Raichur faculty.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intellectual Property Rights (LA Elective, 1 credit) 2. Mac Layer Protocols (CS Elective, 3 credits) 3. Geospatial Data Analytics (CS Elective, 3 credits) <p>The Senate duly ratified the same.</p> |

D. Discussions

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| 1. | Printing of UG degree certificates for the 2020 batch. | With the institute's 2nd Convocation scheduled to take place soon, the FIC Academics informed the Senate that the certificates and cumulative mark sheets will |



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| | | <p>be printed by the same vendor who handled the 2019 batch. It was also reminded that the designs and the vendor had been discussed in a previous Senate meeting.</p> <p>The Senate Chairman emphasized that it is appropriate to proceed with the same vendor to ensure consistency in the certificate design.</p> |
| 2. | Collaboration with IIM Visakhapatnam for Post-graduate Program in Management for the Centrally Funded Technical Institutions/Institutes of National Importance (PGPMC). | <p>The Senate discussed the PGPMCI (MBA) program in detail, including its modular structure, financials, responsibilities, and benefits to IIIT Raichur. After thorough deliberation, the proposal was approved with the following key suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify the fee structure for each module, specifically whether the Module-2 fee includes Module-1 or if each module is to be paid for separately. 2. If GST is included, it should be communicated to the students. 3. If the program is offered to master's students as well, get clarity on the admission process and whether the fee structure remains the same or differs for them. |
| 3. | To discuss and decide on the provision of grace credits for students who are close to meeting the passing criteria or completing the required grades for their courses. | <p>The FIC Academics sought opinions and suggestions from the Senate regarding recent incidents where some students were short of just one credit for completing their degree requirements and exhausted all possible options to earn the credit within the regular semester schedule. To ensure their timely graduation, the institute had to offer courses during semester breaks.</p> <p>The Senate opined that a relaxation of one credit could be considered, provided proper guidelines are established to prevent potential loopholes in the system. These guidelines should include:</p> |



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| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Case-by-Case Evaluation:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Specify who qualifies for the relaxation.○ Define the scenarios under which the relaxation can be granted (e.g., unavoidable circumstances such as health issues or administrative delays).2. Course Eligibility:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Clarify the types of courses eligible for relaxation (e.g., core, elective, or project-based credits).○ It was suggested to avoid relaxation on core subjects. However, the decision is left to the institute.○ Ensure that the credit shortage arises from unforeseen or exceptional circumstances rather than negligence or poor planning by the student.3. Approval Process:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Require a proper recommendation from the faculty advisor.○ Obtain approval from the FIC Academics and the Senate Chairman.4. Impact Assessment:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ensure that the relaxation does not compromise the academic integrity or learning outcomes of the program.○ Consider the potential implications for similar requests in the future.5. Monitoring:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Periodically review the cases where relaxation is granted to assess compliance with the guidelines.○ Revise the guidelines if any unintended consequences are identified. |
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E. Reports



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| 1. | Report on existing students and 2024 batch students. | <p>The Senate was apprised of the intake for the 2024 batch, including the number of students admitted and those who have withdrawn.</p> <p>Additionally, the FIC Academics presented details of student strength in previous batches, as well as the current count of PhD students, both regular and external.</p> |
| 2. | Report on internships and placements. | <p>The visited and scheduled interested companies have been notified. The results of the selected students will be presented in the next Senate meeting, as they are currently awaited.</p> |

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